

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Wilma Rippentrop, and we are richer because Wilma lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Wilma was born April 19, 1917, in a farm home located in Dale Township, O'Brien County, Iowa, near Primghar, graduating from Primghar High School in 1935 and Nettleton College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1937; and,

Whereas, Wilma married Wessel Rippentrop on January 27, 1940, at Calumet, Iowa, settling on their farm near Tea, South Dakota, and to this union they were blessed with 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Wilma will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on April 22, 2017, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2017, as

WILMA RIPPENTROP DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State